**Learning Services - Learning Support Team**

**News and Notes for October 2013**

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| **Item** | **Information** |
| **LST-LS General Information** | * Next meeting – Thursday, November 28 (elementary); Tuesday, December 3 (middle and high school).   + Shawn Russell will be starting training on Crucial Conversations. * Agendas and meeting dates are posted at: <http://cesd-learning-services-lst.wikispaces.com/> (same wiki site, new URL) |
| **Learning Opportunities** | |
| **Writing and Getting it Right in the Context of Inquiry**  **Jeffrey Wilhelm** | **Who should attend?** Grade 6-12 teachers  **Date:** Friday, November 1, 2013  **Location:** Black Knight Inn, Red Deer  **Cost:** $60  **More information:**  <http://www.carcpd.ab.ca/programs/featured/1101%20Context%20of%20Inquiry.pdf> |
| **Leading and Learning Conference: Designing Success for all Students**  Focus: Response to Intervention and PLCs/Teams | **Date:** Thursday, December 5 (Pre-conference); December 6, 7 (Conference)  **Location:** Sheraton, Red Deer  **Cost:**   * Preconference (Wayne Hulley) $125; * Conference Costs for Zone 4 Participants - $450   **More information:**  <http://www.carcpd.ab.ca/leading13/schedule.html> |
| **Updates** | |
| **QLE Update** | * **Literacy: Reading Framework** continues to be revised by the district literacy steering committee ~ make sure to click on the elements of reading to see the work that is happening behind the scenes: <http://www.chinooksedge.ab.ca/Framework.php> * **Engagement:** take a look at the definitions and scenario examples for conversation around engagement linked from the QLE. As well, that there will be more to come for evidence and research in this area. |
| **Provincial Updates**  Curriculum Redesign | * **Did you know the province is examining Curriculum Redesign?** Alberta Education is reviewing and revising our standards and guidelines for Curriculum, which includes programs of study, assessments, and learning and teaching resources, as well as processes for developing curriculum. * [**What will change?**](http://education.alberta.ca/department/ipr/curriculum/about/what-will-change.aspx) * [**How will curriculum change?**](http://education.alberta.ca/department/ipr/curriculum/about/how-will-it-change.aspx) * [**What does this mean for us?**](http://education.alberta.ca/department/ipr/curriculum/curriculum-development-prototyping.aspx) A call has been sent out for districts to bid on working on curriculum. A district would work on 6 subject areas across a range of grades with a list of deliverables to be completed within one year. |
| **Resources and Research** | |
| **Can’t find good sites for research?**  **\*\*if you have any we can add, please email us and we’ll build this together.** | * Looking for quality research but aren’t sure where to look other than on Google? * <https://qualitysources.wikispaces.com/Resources> |
| **P.E. Teachers and Literacy** | Interested in learning about physical literacy? View the interactive wheel outlining 9 principles of Physical Literacy.   * <http://www.phecanada.ca/programs/physical-literacy/physical-literacy-educational-strategies> |
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